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Force Public Health (FPH) Order 21-003, dated 03 SEP 21. This document rescinds and replaces FPH Order 21-002 with FRAGO 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, and 006.

References. See Appendix 1 to Annex A

Definitions. See Appendix 2 to Annex A

1. Situation.

a. The virus SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus responsible for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), has spread globally, and is now causing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) assesses that COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. The principal mode by which people are infected with COVID-19 is through exposure to respiratory droplets carrying the infectious virus. Respiratory droplets are produced during exhalation (e.g., breathing, speaking, singing, coughing, sneezing).

b. As the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, we inherently work in close quarters and our personnel are the primary resource for performance of our treaty obligations. Focused on minimizing risk to mission and risk to force health, and in fulfillment of my responsibilities as the commander who has TACON for Force Health Protection, I direct the following measures. Violations by military personnel are subject to punishment under Article 92 of the UCMJ as a failure to obey a lawful general order. Failure to comply with this order by U.S. civilian employees may result in disciplinary administrative action and/or a determination that the employee has failed to adjust to the overseas environment. Violations by dependents may result in administrative sanctions, up to and including the loss of command sponsorship and an early return of dependents.

2. Mission. COMUSFJ has FPCON and HPCON authority for Japan, directs heightened FPCON and HPCON levels across Japan to protect the force, and maintains combat power/projection across Japan.

3. Execution.

a. Commander's Intent. It is incumbent on ALL USFJ-affiliated personnel to do their part to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission by practicing heightened hygiene measures, consider limiting or cancelling meetings, training events, formations, and large social gatherings. As decisions are

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made outside of the DoD and within Japan to expand services and relax some restrictions, the COVID-19 risk to DoD may increase. Continued total commitment of the entire USFJ population and personal integrity and discipline will be required to contain the spread of the virus. USFJ will take all appropriate measures to protect the force, our families, and our community.

b. Concept of the Operation.

(1) Our number one priority is to protect the force. One key to our success has been compliance with our Force Public Health Order. After deliberate command and staff assessment and receiving the Public Health Emergency Officer's recommendation: I am extending the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for Japan in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, "Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD" (REF b). The PHE will automatically terminate on **02 NOV 2021** (90 day extension per REF pp), unless it is renewed and republished or sooner terminated by me. This order supersedes the previous PHE declaration for Japan.

(2) COMUSFJ directed a baseline of Health Protection Condition BRAVO (HPCON B) throughout Japan on 12 Jun 20. All USFJ Service components and operational units will continue to assess all operational risks as well as impacts to training and readiness of HPCON level changes and report to COMUSFJ. Commanders at the base/installation level are authorized to make local HPCON levels stricter than designated at the COMUSFJ level. Further increased levels above HPCON C that will impact GoJ policy or foreign policies will be discussed with USFJ staff prior to implementing.

(3) USFJ retains responsibility for ensuring appropriate Force Health Protection Measures are in place for the Japan AOR, as the situation dictates. USFJ will utilize the Base Cluster construct, Appendix 8 to Annex C, to facilitate decisions and directions within the Japan AOR.

c. Tasks to USFJ Service Components and Supporting Commands.

(1) PHE for Japan. USFJ Commanders and public health personnel are hereby directed to identify, confirm, and control this public health emergency utilizing all the necessary means outlined in DoDI 6200.03 (REF b), **this order**, and Higher Headquarters (HHQ) guidance. USFJ will continue to use the DoD HPCON framework. See Appendix 1 to Annex C for PHE measures.

(2) HPCON BRAVO Measures. See Appendix 2 to Annex C.

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(3) Cloth Face Coverings.

(a) Unvaccinated Personnel

1. Per REF **vv** and **lll**, all unvaccinated individuals on military installations (for definition see Appendix 2 to Annex A) and all unvaccinated individuals performing official duties on behalf of the Department of Defense from any location other than the individual's home, including outdoor shared spaces, will wear masks. This includes: Military Personnel, DoD Civilian Employees and Host-Nation Employees, Family Members, DoD contractors, and all other individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities who are not fully-vaccinated.

a. Unvaccinated individuals must wear masks continuously while on military installations except:

- (1) When an unvaccinated individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door;
- (2) For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors;
- (3) When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; and
- (4) When necessary to reasonably accommodate an unvaccinated individual with a disability

b. Per REF **jjj** and **vv**, COMUSFJ delegates authority to grant exceptions for this requirement (for situations outside of office settings when temporary unmasking is necessary for mission requirements) to USFJ Service component commanders and who may further delegate in writing to officials at a level no lower than a general/flag officer in the grade of O-7, Senior Executive Service member (or equivalent), or for installations that do not have officials at these levels, O-6 installation commanders. See Appendix 3 to Annex C for an example accommodation to cloth face masks/coverings.

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(b) Fully-vaccinated Personnel

1. Fully vaccinated USFJ-affiliated personnel (who are two weeks beyond their final dose) are no longer required to wear a mask while indoors or outdoors on USFJ installations **when community transmission in the local area is below the substantial level, as defined by the CDC, unless required by the local commander.** USFJ-affiliated personnel who are not fully vaccinated will continue to follow applicable USFJ mask wear guidance, including continuing to wear masks indoors.

a. Installation commanders and their PHEO will take into account local area and installation cases to make an informed decision on applying DoD guidance in REF III.

b. The local area is defined as the installation's local commuting area taking into account on-base locations and off-base locations which USFJ affiliated personal regularly visit or commute.

c. CDC defines Substantial level threshold for community transmission levels calculated as either 50 or more new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days or 8 percent or more of positive nucleic acid amplification tests in the past 7 days.

2. USFJ-affiliated personnel will continue to comply with CDC guidance on mask wear guidance, including while utilizing public transportation.

3. While on USFJ installations and interacting with citizens of the host nation all personnel are required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. This includes, but is not limited to MLC, IHA, MC, and JSDF personnel.

4. Installation Commanders and Facility Managers may impose additional restrictions for the protection of the force.

5. While off USFJ installations, all personnel are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.

6. Component and Installation Commanders are encouraged to work with their respective legal teams to develop enforcement mechanisms while ensuring compliance with all applicable DoD policies.

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(c) Medical personal protective equipment, such as N95 respirators or surgical masks, will not be issued for this purpose as these will be reserved for the appropriate personnel.

(d) Mask Wear. When fully-vaccinated/unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask, the mask must cover the nose and mouth and comport with all current guidance from the CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Masks recommended by the CDC include non-medical disposable masks, masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton), masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source), masks with two or three layers, and masks with inner filter pockets. Novelty or non-protective masks, masks with ventilation valves, or face shields are not authorized as a substitute for masks. Masks must fit properly (i.e., snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face).

(4) Entry Letter into Japan for Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) members, see Appendix 3 to Annex A. This is to be used with commercial airlines prior to departing locations outside Japan for travel to Japan to provide a reassurance that SOFA status personnel are authorized entry to Japan, notwithstanding any prohibitions on entry by the Government of Japan. This letter does not waive any precautions or COVID-19 measures required by commercial airlines prior to boarding. The letter is not to be shown to GOJ immigration authorities. Entry to Japan only requires documents set forth in the Foreign Clearance Guide, **unless entering Japan for the purpose of leave from a country other than Japan. For such leaves, an ETP granted by the Service component commander (or delegate) is required to ensure appropriate support is available during ROM and in the event of a period of isolation or quarantine.** The Service member's component will ensure that travel is by either Government Operated Vehicle (GOV) or Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) from the port of entry to a USFJ facility. Onward movement by commercial air is prohibited prior to completing a restriction of movement (ROM) for 14 days. Onward movement by MILAIR prior to completing a ROM for 14 days is permitted.

(5) In the event that dependent travel is restricted or prohibited due to a DoD or Service-level order, the USFJ Service components are to extend the SOFA status for dependents who are not permitted to depart Japan at USG expense until some date after the departure of their sponsor. The intent of this extension is not to allow sponsors to leave their dependents in Japan for personal reasons, but, rather, to cover dependents who are required to stay in Japan at the direction of the military. This extension expires 14 days after the dependents are authorized to depart at USG

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expense. Ensure that entry/exit stamps are updated to reflect this extension.

(6) COMUSFJ directs the Okinawa Area Coordinator to operate and manage a Joint COVID-19 Response Center (JCRC). The JCRC will coordinate across the joint force on Okinawa and serve as the central node for notification of and response to COVID-19 persons-under-investigation (PUI) cases. The JCRC will ensure the joint force is adequately equipped and trained to respond to COVID-19 PUI cases and, when required, deploy contact tracing and clean teams to minimize exposure of USFJ-affiliated personnel present on Okinawa.

(7) Close Contact Log and Procedures. Individuals are no longer required **by this order** to maintain close contact logs. Component and Installation Commanders may require the use of close contact logs based on local conditions.

(8) For individuals that have been placed in quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure, Post Quarantine Testing (PQT) will be conducted. See Appendix 2 to Annex Q for further clarification.

(9) All individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be placed in isolation. See Appendix 3 to Annex Q for procedures, precautions, and duration of isolation.

(10) Individuals who have completed isolation for a positive test would not normally undergo repeat testing within 90 days per CDC recommendations; however, repeat testing may occur upon entry into Japan commercial port. If such testing is performed and is positive, member will isolate on a U.S. installation until the cognizant PHEO or competent medical authority, in consultation with an infectious disease expert, approves an alternate plan within the guidelines in Appendix 3 to Annex Q (Isolation), Appendix 4 to Annex C and/or Appendix 7 to Annex C (ETP to ROM).

(11) For USFJ SOFA and Host Nation Employees who need medical clearance IOT return to work, see Appendix 4 to Annex Q for the applicable situations.

(12) Surveillance Testing. Per **DoD Guidance** (REF **jjj**) DoD components will conduct sentinel surveillance screening of their service member populations living in congregate settings, on their installations, or within their units. USFJ Service components will implement surveillance testing based off Higher Headquarters guidance.

13. Pursuant to Ref nnn and Ref ooo SOFA status and Non-SOFA employees of DoD contractors directly supporting the DoD on USFJ installations and facilities are authorized to receive COVID-19 Vaccines at USFJ treatment facilities and vaccination sites if such medical care is necessary for the performance of the contract. Installation Commanders should consult with legal counsel in order to determine whether existing language in contracts is necessary and sufficient for such purposes, or if the contracts require modification. Installation commanders should prioritize which contracts will be modified to include such medical care so as to maximize the effectiveness of providing vaccinations to SOFA status and Non-SOFA status contractor employees.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Service Secretary Specific **Travel** Guidance.

(a) **Official and unofficial travel in support of Service Secretary specific missions (e.g. courts-martial, PCS, schools, etc.) will use service specific guidance or USFJ and USINDOPACOM guidance (whichever is stricter).** Joint mission requirements will still follow all orders set by USFJ and USINDOPACOM (e.g. travel for joint exercise, joint-tasked travel, etc.).

1. USFJ Service components will follow DOD Service component specific guidance on pre-traveling testing in regards to service specific missions or deployments.

2. For joint missions, deployments, and all other official travel, USFJ personnel will adhere to testing requirements within REF **bbb** and qq. Testing may be either PCR or Antigen, per REF **bbb**.

(b) COMUSFJ has determined that all DoD Temporary Duty (TDY)/official travel that occurs completely within the country of Japan is critical to the continued operations of mission essential functions. Therefore, COMUSFJ delegates waiver authority for travel restrictions (REF **ww**) for DoD TDY travel taking place completely (all stops) within Japan to Service component commanders and Deputy Commander, USFJ. Continue to follow all Service and local guidance related to travel to bases or installations in a higher HPCON.

(2) Transient Aircrew. Joint Publication 1-02 (REF rr) defines transient forces as: Forces that pass or stage through, or base temporarily within,

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the operational area of another command but are not under its operational control. Aircrew that are stationed within Japan are determined to be transient aircrew if conducting mission essential duties outside of the Japan AOR. Transient Aircrew is not to be used for temporary duty assignments to other AORs as this would fall under official travel.

(a) Exemptions. Pre-travel ROM and testing requirements are waived for aircrews when these measures would prevent them from executing their mission (REF qq). The below measures will be taken into account when applying exemptions.

1. Aircrew conducting TRANSCOM missions will abide by exemptions outlined in REF **ww**.

2. Non-vaccinated Aircrew Members are restricted to the flight line and lodging. Fully-vaccinated Aircrew members will abide by installation requirements for vaccinated TDY personnel and are restricted to the confines of the installation.

3. Government furnished transportation is required for movement to and from lodging and airfield.

4. Non-vaccinated Aircrew will procure meals via contactless delivery or using drive-thru services where available.

5. For further guidance for Transient Aircrews see Appendix 11 to Annex C.

6. Transient Aircrew will follow fully-vaccinated/unvaccinated procedures of the transient location, if more restrictive than **this order**.

(b) Upon return to the Japan AOR, an ETP to ROM (Appendix 7 to Annex C) will only be submitted for Aircrews for any deviations from the prescribed procedures above and Appendix 11 to Annex C.

(3) **Travel out of the Japan AOR.** All travel out of the Japan AOR will require an exception to policy/waiver unless travel is one of the defined DoD exemptions per REF **ww** or until the installations from/to which the traveler is departing/ transferring to is approved for unrestricted travel by the relevant GCC Commander.

(a) Approval authority for exceptions to policy for official DoD travel is delegated to USFJ Service component commanders; and Deputy

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Commander, USFJ in accordance with REF **ww**. Such exceptions may be granted for compelling cases where the travel is determined to be mission essential, necessary for humanitarian reasons, or warranted due to extreme hardship. Mission essential travel refers to work that must be performed to ensure the continued operations of mission-essential functions, which includes positions that are deemed key and essential, as determined by the responsible DoD Component.

1. Delegated Commanders should assess risk to mission and risk to force based on the specific travel situations for each traveler and apply their judgment to the situation.
 2. These authorities may be further delegated (REF **ww**) in writing to no lower than the first general or flag officer or member of the Senior Executive Service in the traveler's chain of command or supervision.
 3. All ETP waivers that are approved by delegated commanders for travel out of the Japan AOR shall be sent to the following email address for situational awareness. In addition, provide the ETP approvals and disapprovals report every Monday and Thursday by 1300I, to include negative reports to the J11 organizational e-mail account, indopacom.yokota.usfj.mbx.j11@mail.mil. The reports will only be submitted and accepted from USARJ, CNFJ, MARFORJ, and 5 AF.
 4. ETPs are to be executed on a case-by-case basis and shall be coordinated between the gaining and losing organizations.
- (b) **Unofficial travel, such as leave**, outside the Japan AOR will be approved at a level no lower than the unit commander or equivalent. DoD personnel will comply with any **HN**, DoD, Federal, State, and local restrictions while in a leave status. For further clarification, see REF **ww**, component and local installation guidance.

1. Commanders will conduct a risk assessment of the health status and travel itinerary for Service members requesting leave. The following items should be discussed: Travel location restrictions/ROM period/requirements for COVID-19 tests, Isolation/Quarantine plans if exposed to COVID-19 at the location, ROM lodging upon return, and support plans.
2. While in a leave status, individuals will follow the procedures in REF **bbb**.

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(c) All travelers will comply with destination requirements in accordance with the FCG and applicable local guidelines.

1. Per **DoD and CDC** guidance (REF **bbb**, ss), **all travelers** departing a foreign country TO the United States are required to have a negative pre-travel COVID-19 viral test 1 to 3 days prior to departure.

(4) Travel into the Japan AOR. While conducting **travel into** the Japan AOR, individuals on SOFA status will follow these guidelines:

(a) All travelers will comply with this order, the entry requirements listed in the FCG, and coordinate their travel with their USFJ service component.

1. **Entering for the purpose of leave in Japan from a country other than Japan requires an ETP granted by the Service component commander (or delegate) to ensure appropriate support is available during ROM and in the event of a period of isolation or quarantine.**
2. **Such exceptions may be granted for compelling cases where the travel is determined to be necessary for humanitarian reasons or warranted due to extreme hardship.**
3. **ETP approval authorities will conduct a risk assessment of the health status and travel itinerary for Service members requesting leave. The following items should be discussed: Travel location restrictions/ROM period/requirements for COVID-19 tests, Isolation/Quarantine plans if exposed to COVID-19 at the location, ROM lodging upon return, transportation during initial 14 days, and support plans.**
4. **While in a leave status, individuals will follow the procedures in REF bbb.**

(b) Per REF bbb, all personnel age 2 or older conducting international air travel will be tested with a viral test (**PCR or antigen**) one to three days before departure via commercial or military airlift and maintain proof of the negative test during travel **with the following exceptions unless required by the airlines:**

1. **Fully vaccinated travelers. Such individuals must maintain proof of vaccination and be prepared to show said proof prior to being allowed on the aircraft.**

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2. Individuals recovered from COVID-19 infection within 90 days. Such individuals must receive clearance from a health care provider or public health official and maintain a copy of the clearance letter in their possession during travel.

(c) If the individual tests positive for COVID-19 prior to travel, they will complete Isolation in accordance with all installation, CDC, State, and local guidance in the country where the COVID-19 test was administered. See REF **bbb** and Appendix 10 to Annex C for further guidance.

(d) If the USFJ affiliated personnel tested **positive for COVID-19** upon arrival at any Japanese commercial airport (i.e. Haneda/Narita) the requirement is to conduct ROM at a USFJ installation (coordinated through USFJ Service component channels) or approved facility **(their residence if living outside an installation or if denied access to a USFJ installation)** for **14 days**.

(5) **Transiting Japan.**

(a) When transiting from a location outside of the Japan AOR through Japan to a location **outside the Japan AOR**, ROM is not required if the individual immediately transfers to the connecting flight to the final destination outside of Japan, remaining within the international terminal, and never passing through Japan Customs, Immigration and Quarantine prior to boarding the connecting flight.

(b) If the USFJ affiliated personnel tested positive for COVID-19 upon arrival at any Japanese commercial airport (i.e. Haneda/Narita) the requirement is to conduct ROM at a USFJ installation (coordinated through USFJ Service component channels) or approved facility **(their residence if living outside an installation or if denied access to a USFJ installation)** for **14 days**.

(c) ISO GOJ requirements, SOFA members can depart the ROM location and be transported to a Japanese commercial airport via non-public transportation (POV/GOV) within 14-days if approved for a ROM ETP by Deputy Commander, USFJ. **ROM ETP will identify those that are leaving Japan and stopping the ROM prior to the 14 day completion on installation or approved facility early and be coordinated with GOJ via USFJ/J5 Plans and Policy for Alliance Management at indopacom.yokota.usfj-j54.list.all@mail.mil** (See Appendix 7 to Annex C).

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(6) Space Available (Space A) Travel. Effective 21 March 2020, USTRANSCOM has directed, per Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), limited passenger travel per DoDI 4515.13, January 22, 2016 Change 4, August 31, 2018 (see Appendix 2 to Annex D of this order). All other categories of Space-A travel are ineligible for travel considerations.

(a) Per REF ddd, COMUSINDOPACOM has delegated authority to grant exceptions to current Space-A travel program limitations to COMUSFJ. The authority is further delegated to USFJ Service component Commanders. USFJ service component commanders may further delegate in writing no lower than the first O-6 or civilian equivalent in the traveler's chain of command.

(b) Travel exceptions must be done in accordance with REF ddd, and may be granted in writing for the compelling cases where travel is necessary for humanitarian purposes or warranted due to extreme hardship. A determination of humanitarian need or extreme hardship must be personally made by the granting authority.

1. Commanders should consider each unit's unique circumstances and the inability of service members to take leave for extended periods due to COVID-related ROM restrictions when evaluating exceptions for "humanitarian need" and "extreme hardship."

2. Exceptions will be done on a case-by-case basis for each traveler seeking to use Space-A travel.

(c) Due the very limited Space-A capacity, Commander's approving Space-A travel ETPs will ensure the following:

1. Travelers seeking onward movement outside the Kanto Plains, utilizing Space-A, will have a contingency plan for approved lodging on a U.S. installation on mainland Japan for a 14-day ROM should Space-A not be available.

2. Travelers have two-weeks of leave or Service specific approved absence to support a 14-day ROM on a U.S. installation on mainland Japan.

3. Travelers have the capability to purchase commercial airline tickets upon completion of the 14-day ROM on mainland Japan, if needed.

(7) ROM Procedures.

(a) Vaccinated. All USFJ affiliated personnel arriving in Japan from another country that are fully vaccinated (14 days after a 2 dose series or single dose vaccine), to include individuals on Temporary Duty, shall travel directly to their domicile **using non-public transportation** and will, at a minimum, be restricted to a U.S. installation(s) for 14 days **commencing upon arrival and ending 336 hours later**. After day 14, individuals that have a negative viral test may have the restriction to U.S. installation **(or their residence if living outside an installation or if denied access to a USFJ installation)** removed. The following procedures apply:

1. Vaccination status will be reviewed by a unit travel coordinator who has been designated in writing to perform this function or competent medical authority. All travelers will carry a physical or electronic copy of their completed vaccination card or other medical record of vaccine administration for verification on arrival. Commands who appropriately verify vaccination status may choose to allow their personnel to conduct the vaccinated ROM period prescribed above.
2. The individual must remain asymptomatic for the duration of the vaccinated ROM period of 14 days. If symptoms occur, the individual will coordinate with the base PHEO or competent medical authority and follow COVID-19 procedures for isolation/quarantine.
3. On or after day **5 (120 hrs after arrival in the Japan AOR)**, vaccinated individuals will be required to take a viral test (defined as antigen or PCR; the type to be selected by the installation PHEO) and be in receipt of a negative test result to complete the initial 14-day vaccinated ROM period. If the test is positive, the individual will **transition to isolation status**.
4. Individuals, whose domicile is off-installation or located at an U.S installation other than their assigned location, may conduct travel non-stop between their domicile and place of work on a U.S. installation via POV/GOV for the full 14 days after arrival in country. Off-installation the use of mass transit, cycling, or walking is not authorized.

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5. During the 14-day vaccinated ROM period, fully-vaccinated individuals may have access to all on-installation facilities. Fully-vaccinated dependents will also have full access to the installation during the 14-day vaccinated ROM period. See Appendix 4 to Annex C.

5. Deviations from the above procedures will be routed as an ETP. See Appendix 7 to Annex C.

(b) Unvaccinated. All USFJ affiliated personnel that are not fully vaccinated (i.e. has not received both doses in a 2-dose series or a one dose in single dose vaccine, and is within the 14-day period after final administration) shall travel directly to their domicile **using non-public transportation** and remain there for a ROM period of **7** days (**168** hrs after arrival in the Japan AOR). This will be followed by a **7** day period (days **8** through 14, total of **168** hrs) of restriction to their associated U.S. installation for a total of 14 days of ROM (336 hrs). The following conditions apply during ROM:

5. The individual must remain asymptomatic for the duration of the 14 day ROM period. If symptoms occur, the individual will coordinate with the base PHEO or competent medical authority and follow COVID-19 procedures for isolation/quarantine.

6. The initial **7** day ROM starts from the day **of** arrival and ends on the **7th** day at the same hour as arrival.

7. On or after day **5** of ROM, all individuals will be required to have a negative SARS-CoV2 test to complete the initial **7** day ROM.

8. Personnel residing off-installation, must remain in their domicile for the full **7** days except to complete ROM exit testing requirements.

9. Days **8** through 14, the individual may have access to all on-installation facilities. For those whose domicile is off-installation, they must remain either in their domicile or on their assigned installation, or travel in a direct route between the two in a POV/GOV (use of mass transit, cycling, or walking is not authorized between domicile and installation). See Appendix 4 to Annex C.

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(c) Individuals within 90 days of a positive SARS CoV-2 test. All DoD uniformed personnel, members of the civilian component, and individuals with SOFA-status arriving in Japan from another country that have tested positive to SARS CoV-2 within the previous 90 days will, at a minimum, be restricted to a U.S. installation(s) for 14 days (336 Hrs). After day 14, asymptomatic individuals may have the restriction to their installation (their residence if living outside an installation or if denied access to a USFJ installation) removed. ROM exit testing is not required. The following procedures apply:

- 1. Previous results will be reviewed by a unit travel coordinator who has been designated in writing to perform this function or competent medical authority. All travelers will carry a physical or electronic copy of their appropriate documentation approved by a competent medical authority (CMA). Commands who appropriately verify previous status may choose to allow their personnel to conduct the ROM period prescribed above.**
- 2. The individual must remain asymptomatic for the duration of the vaccinated ROM period of 14 days. If symptoms occur, the individual will coordinate with the base PHEO or competent medical authority and follow COVID-19 procedures for isolation/quarantine.**
- 3. The 14-day vaccinated ROM period starts from the day of arrival and ends on the 14th day at the same hour as arrival (336 Hrs).**
- 4. Individuals, whose domicile is off-installation or located at an U.S installation other than their assigned location, may conduct travel non-stop between their domicile and place of work on a U.S. installation via POV/GOV for the full 14 days after arrival in country. Off-installation the use of mass transit, cycling, or walking is not authorized.**
- 5. During the 14-day vaccinated ROM period, individuals may have access to all on-installation facilities. Previously positive dependents will also have full access to the installation during the 14-day vaccinated ROM period.**

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6. Deviations from the above procedures will be routed as an ETP. See Appendix 7 to Annex C.

(d) Installation Commanders shall ensure strict compliance with ROM requirements by newly arrived personnel from outside Japan. For example, non-vaccinated personnel will not be allowed to attend newcomer briefs or obtain USFJ 4EJ permits until the completion of ROM requirements. Installation commanders will ensure processes are in place to document or certify the completion of ROM by newly arrived personnel.

(8) Isolation, see Appendix 3 to Annex Q.

(a) All SOFA personnel diagnosed with COVID-19 will be placed in isolation until cleared by competent medical authorities.

(b) JSDF personnel, LN employees, and visitors to U.S. facilities and areas suspected of or diagnosed with COVID-19 will be denied access to all U.S. facilities and areas until cleared by competent medical authorities. JSDF personnel who reside on a U.S. facility and area must either remain off the installation or in their quarters on the installation, e.g., dorm room.

(c) DoD uniformed personnel, DOD contractors, members of the civilian component, and SOFA-status dependents suspected of COVID-19 (person under investigation or PUI) will be placed in isolation until cleared by competent medical authorities.

(9) Quarantine, See Appendix 2 to Annex Q.

(a) DoD uniformed personnel, DOD contractors, members of the civilian component, and SOFA-status dependents who are determined to be close contacts of a case or PUI by competent medical authority will be quarantined until cleared by competent medical authorities. Personnel may self-quarantine while awaiting formal contact tracing.

(b) JSDF personnel, LN employees, non-SOFA-status contractors, and visitors to U.S. facilities and areas who have been in close, personal contact with a person suspected of COVID-19 (or with someone diagnosed with COVID-19) will be denied access to all U.S. facilities and areas until cleared by competent U.S. medical authorities. JSDF personnel who reside on a U.S. facility and area must either remain

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off the installation or in their quarters on the installation, e.g., dorm room.

(10) Additional Guidance.

(a) All SOFA individuals will familiarize themselves with travel destination guidance, travel restrictions, and travel exemptions (REFs **ww**, **bbb**). See Appendix 9 to Annex C.

(b) Establish pre-and post-travel screening and reception procedures for all authorized travelers as provided in REF **ww** and any applicable subsequent guidance. This includes establishing a means of communication with all personnel throughout the pre- and post-travel screening and reception process to provide information regarding prescribed actions for their particular circumstances.

(c) Use military or DoD-contracted end-to-end travel using aircraft or other conveyance for DoD-sponsored travelers to the greatest extent practical.

(d) Inform all travelers of their responsibility to contact their gaining organization in advance of travel and to keep the organization updated on their travel itinerary.

(e) Document within travel orders the exemption or waiver under which the travel is authorized.

(f) Actions for Travelers. See Appendix 10 to Annex C for **more** guidance on Traveling to Japan from the United States, and Traveling from Japan to the United States.

(g) All USFJ Service components and supporting commands with installations that support PATRIOT EXPRESS flights shall identify a contingency plan to house personnel in the event these flights suffer mechanical issues and are unable to continue mission with all personnel. Installations are to ensure a current copy of the plan has been forwarded to USFJ J3 at indopacom.yokota.usfj.mbx.j35@mail.mil.

(h) USFJ Service component commanders, Senior Operational Commanders, and USFJ Directors ensure that all unit personnel update and maintain Family Care plans, as required.

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(11) Testing. Host Nation laboratories, BML and SRL, are designated as the primary/preferred testing labs for all COVID-19 tests. U.S. MTF laboratories within Japan are authorized to be used to their capacity. The U.S. MTF labs will report test results to the USFJ Surgeon, by encrypted email, at indopacom.yokota.usfj.mbx.j4-sg@mail.mil, in addition to the ordering military treatment facility. USFJ/PA is the release authority for any public release of a positive test result, indopacom.yokota.usfj.mbx.J021@mail.mil. See Appendix 6 to Annex Q.

(12) USFJ Service component commanders, Senior Operational Commanders, and USFJ Directors ensure that all unit personnel update and maintain Family Care plans, as required.

(13) USFJ Service Components shall report all Host-Nation Employees (MLC, IHA, MC) diagnosed with COVID-19 to the following email: indopacom.yokota.usfj.mbx.j14@mail.mil as soon as possible after diagnosis. Format will be provided by SEPCOR through the J1 channels. USFJ Service Components will complete blocks 7-9 and send the report to the address above.

4. Admin and Logistics.

- a. Reporting ROM/Quarantine/Isolation. All DoD units and affiliated organizations operating within Japan are directed to report relevant personnel and dependents meeting any of the ROM situations outlined in **this order** to the designated office (designated by the USFJ Service Component Commanders) on the installation where the unit's/organization's personnel are normally present for duty. See Appendix 5 to Annex C.
- b. All US base/installations within Japan are required to report HPCON status changes. See Appendix 6 to Annex C for requirements.
- c. ROM Coordination. Per REF **ww**, all travelers are responsible to contact their gaining organization/command in advance of travel and to keep the organization/command updated during the conduct of their travel. Travelers that do not have a gaining organization/command, to include unofficial travel, should coordinate with their respective Service component points of contact for procedures/locations of ROM, testing, and support. If the supporting location is red due to travel restrictions (REF **ww**), an ETP will be coordinated with the supporting U.S. installation Commander (O-6 or higher). See Appendix 7 to Annex C for ETP example.

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d. ETP to ROM. See Appendix 7 to Annex C for procedures/requirements.

(1) COMUSFJ has delegated the following ROM exceptions:

(a) COMUSFJ delegates the authority to grant any ETP to ROM for travel ending in the Japan AOR which originates in the U.S. or any location outside Japan to the Deputy Commander, USFJ; USFJ Service component commanders; and may be further delegated in writing to the respective USFJ Service component, Deputy Commander at the FOGO level.

1. ROM ETP will follow procedures laid out in Appendix 7 to Annex C.

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a. All ROM ETP personnel must remain on a U.S. installation for the entire 14 day ROM period and limit contact with the base population;

b. Authorized travel will be granted to and from lodging and the worksite only.

2. All ETPs will be tracked and reported to USFJ/J33.

3. ETPs will be limited to those required for operational impacts and humanitarian reasons, and not for morale or quality of life purposes. ETPs shall include only the minimum number of personnel necessary to complete the required task(s).

(b) COMUSFJ delegates approval authority for ETP to Japan-based ROMs for Emergency Leave/Red Cross notifications to USFJ Service component commanders. This can be further delegated to the first general or flag officer or member of the Senior Executive Service in the traveler's chain of command or supervision.

(c) COMUSFJ delegates approval authority for ETP to Japan-based ROMs for Transient Aircrew to USFJ Service component commanders. This can be further delegated to the first O-6 in the Aircrew's chain of command.

(2) COMUSFJ hereby rescinds the 14-day ROM waiver for unofficial travel to the United States for Service Members, assigned to the USFJ AOR (previously delegated by INDOPACOM REF mm) (e.g., leave, whether government-funded or personally funded).

(3) ETPs to ROM requirements will be limited to those required for operational impacts and humanitarian reasons, not for morale or quality of life purposes. ETPs shall include only the minimum number of personnel necessary to complete the required task(s). All ROM ETP personnel must remain on a U.S. installation for the entire 14 day ROM period and limit contact with the base population; authorized travel will be granted to and from lodging and the worksite only. Personnel who reside off installation will not be permitted to travel between their residence and the installation. They will either do an unmodified ROM in their residence or a modified ROM on the installation.

e. USFJ Service component commanders:

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(1) Will track/monitor numbers of personnel traveling/returning to Japan on official or unofficial travel to ensure ROM capacity is not exceeded at U.S. installations.

(2) Should track/monitor/report numbers of personnel on official travel orders (departing the Japan AOR) IOT coordinate with the supporting MTF the number of COVID-19 tests that will be required. An example timeline: once a month, send supporting MTF a 30 – 60 – 90 day prediction of COVID-19 tests needed due to official travel requirements.

f. U.S. MTF laboratories are to submit weekly status reports to the USFJ Surgeon regarding the laboratory utilization. The report will include the number of tests completed during the previous week in-house; tests sent to BML and SRL; tests sent to Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea; any other tests performed; and any potential for interruption of testing along with proposed mitigation measures.

g. HQ USFJ is not responsible for funding service-specific requirements in support of COVID-19 Contingency Operations. Please contact supporting Resource Management Offices for information or coordination of funding ISO COVID-19 Contingency Operations.

h. IAW REF cc, Protected Health Information (PHI)/Personally Identifiable Information (PII) will be protected and disclosed to only those Line and Medical authorities with the need to know. All handlers of PHI/PII will do their utmost to protect this information and handle it in a safe and legal manner following HIPAA and Privacy Act guidelines. See Appendix 5 to Annex Q for further guidance.

i. COVID-19 ROM for SOFA-Status Civilians and Dependents

(1) SOFA-status civilians and dependents who conduct personal travel at their own expense to the U.S. or to a CDC-designated level-2 or greater area are subject to a 14-day ROM prior to entering a U.S. facility/area after returning to Japan. The only exception will be for persons living on a U.S. facility/area. They will be permitted to enter and perform their ROM in their residence.

(2) If an installation commander has imposed a ROM outside of a local area, SOFA-status civilians and dependents who leave the local area, other than for duty or authorized purposes, may be subject to a 14-day ROM prior to entering a U.S. facility/area in Japan. This includes persons travelling on summer leave, e.g., teachers, who travel to countries other than Japan or who travel in Japan but outside the local

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area. Employees are required to ensure they are able to comply with applicable ROM requirements prior to returning to work and are strongly encouraged to discuss their travel plans with their supervisor.

(3) Dependents are strongly recommended to discuss their travel plans with their sponsor's chain of command to determine applicable ROM requirements.

j. Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Bulge Passenger and ROM Facilities Database concept has been implemented for all U.S. Forces within Japan. All USFJ Service components and DoD agencies will populate/update the passenger database by installation, weekly, NLT 1200 hours (I) Wednesday. For database access, see Appendix 4 to Annex D **to this order**.

k. OPSEC. SOFA status individuals, upon arrival into the Japan AOR, are not required to download COVID-19 tracking applications nor sign pledges to follow GOJ COVID-19 procedures. Commanders should remind service members to practice good OPSEC when using non-U.S. Government supplied applications for COVID-19 tracking on personal mobile devices. Some evidence suggests foreign entities have collected user location information and smart phone data from similar applications. Because of this risk, SOFA individuals are discouraged from downloading such software/apps. However, SOFA status individuals may choose to download the COVID-19 tracking application and/or sign the pledge if refusing either would prevent onward movement. Upon arrival at a U.S. installation or domicile, SOFA status individuals are authorized to remove any GOJ required COVID-19 tracking applications from personal devices. Applications/programs that were not supplied or approved by the U.S. Government are NOT authorized for use on U.S. Government provided phones or computers.

l. Commanders at the base/installation level are authorized to make local procedures more restrictive than those designated at the COMUSFJ level.

5. Command and Signal

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6. This order is effective **1600I, 03 SEP 2021**, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

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